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In re Application of: JOHN A. BECKMAN	)	Group Art Unit 3726	3700 M	AUG -3	
Serial No. 09/025,531	) )		AIL KI	2001	
Filed: February 18, 1998	)	Examiner Trinh Nguyen	KOOL	Š	
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE	)		•		
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY FORMED MOUNTING AREAS	)	Attorney Docket 1-5119			

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D. C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

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